

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number A200461 CH-854

Address: 118 St. Mary's Avenue, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Adams, Blanch D.

Tax Parcel Number: 113 Tax Map Number: 113

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no ___ yes ___ Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no ___ yes ___ Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no ___ yes ___

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The one-and-a-half story, side-gabled house is a very good example of the Colonial Revival style. The house is sided in clapboard with dentiled cornice. Three dormers with front-gabled roofs project from the main section of the house and the first-story windows at the main elevation are eight-over-eight double hung sash windows with functioning shutters and shutter dogs. A Colonial Revival-designed door surround ornaments the main doorway.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

As La Plata grew, Charles County citizens lobbied to have the county seat moved from Port Tobacco to La Plata.

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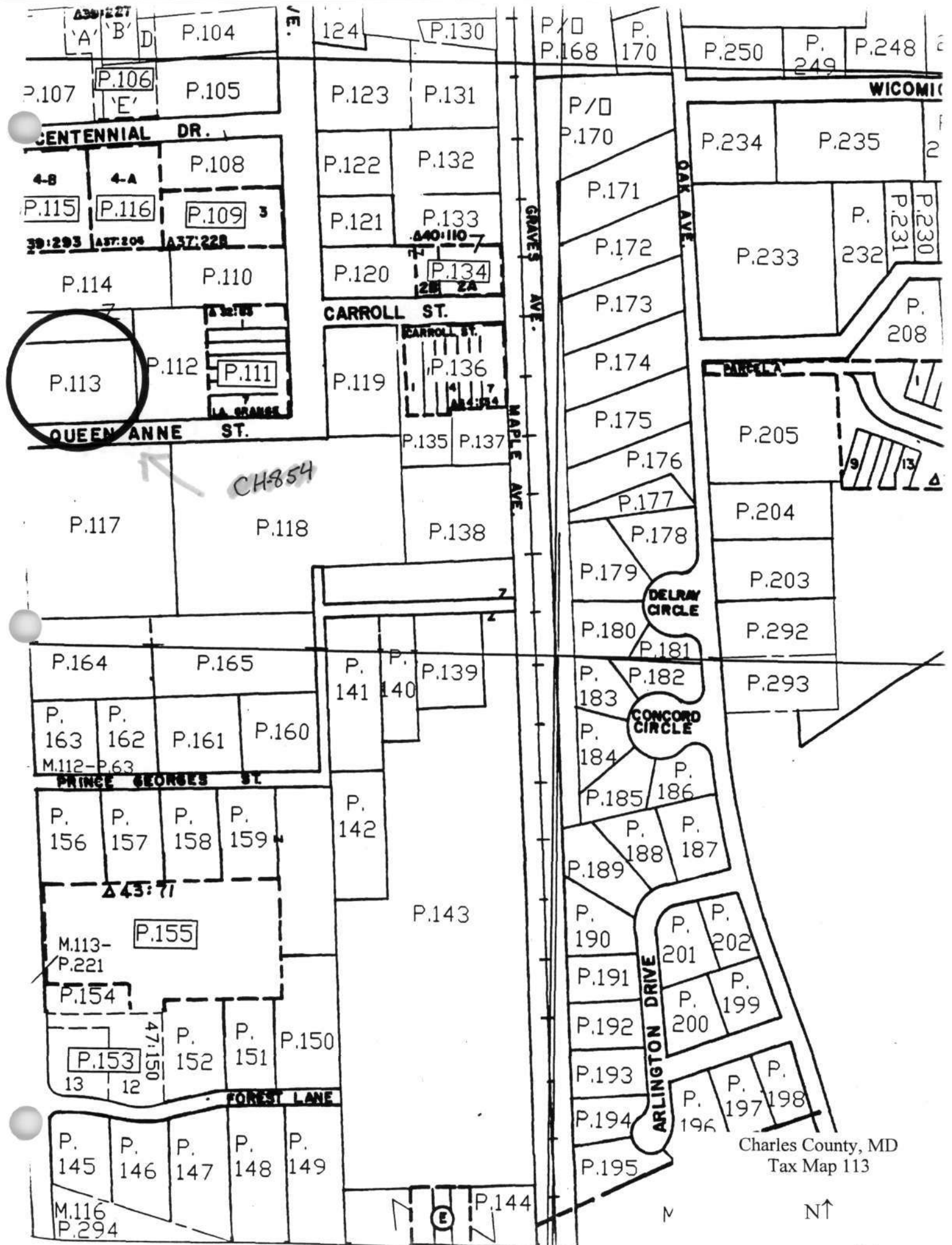
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<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>10/27/02</u> Date
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La Plata became the county seat of Charles County's government in 1895 and a new courthouse was erected in 1896.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

Built circa 1920, this Colonial Revival style house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is an earlier example of the residential development surrounding downtown La Plata, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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View looking northeast

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View of West Elevation

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